

REMARKS

Claim 20 has been amended to more distinctly claim Applicants' invention. No new matter has been introduced. Support for the amendments to claim 20 can be found in the specification on page 12, line 18, to page 13, line 5, and on page 13, line 22, to page 14, line 8. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested as it is believed they place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

THE REJECTIONS

(1) The Examiner has rejected claims 20-39 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The Examiner asserts that the recitation in claim 20 of "with the proviso that when $m=1$ " is not supported by the Specification. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to claim 20 has obviated this rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment to claim 20 is supported by the specification. On page 12, line 20, of the specification, there is recited a preferred embodiment when compound I is mixed with a compound II of formula III. Formula III as defined on page 5 is $O=X_m(R')_o$. A preferred compound II of formula III is described on page 12, line 20, as "e.g., (X=P): $R1', R2', R3' = \dots$ ". The designations " $R1', R2', R3'$ " clearly refer to the presence of three (3) "R" groups described in formula III. The three R' groups are designated as $R1', R2'$ and $R3'$ to differentiate them. Accordingly, since there are three R' groups in this preferred embodiment, "o" in formula III must be 3.

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

(2) The Examiner has rejected claims 20-39 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner asserts that the recitation in claim 20 of " $R1', R2',$ (and) $R3'$ " finds no antecedent basis in the claim. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claim 20 have obviated this rejection.

It is respectfully submitted that this amendment to claim 20 is supported by the specification on page 12, line 20, for the reasons discussed above.

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.


Respectfully submitted,



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